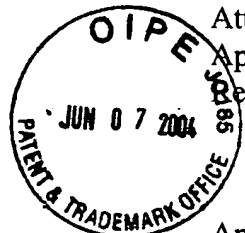


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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 05/18/2004 in relation to the above-identified patent application.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the Group I invention defined by claims 1-7 and 10-27 drawn to communicating trade orders to a marketplace, classified in class 705 and subclass 1 for initial prosecution.